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Please listen to the following message regarding the finding of West Nile Virus in Lowell and mosquito spraying scheduled for August 31, 2023. Please visit Lowellma.gov/health for more information regarding this announcement.

Due to the recent finding of West Nile Virus in mosquitos tested in Lowell, the Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project (CMMCP) will be conducting truck-mounted ultra-low volume spraying beginning at 8:00 PM through 11:00PM on Thursday August 31, 2023 in the Pawtucketville section of the City.

The targeted spray area will extend from the corner of Mammoth Road and Pawtucket Blvd (Rte 113) extending northwards to Dracut border and westward to the Tyngsboro border. All surface streets within this area of Pawtucketville are scheduled to be sprayed. A map of the spray zone will be located on the City's website at <https://www.lowellma.gov/295/Mosquito-Control>.

Residents within this area should follow these spray precautions:

- Close street facing windows and keep pets inside between sunset and midnight if possible;
- Remain inside during the application and for 15-20 minutes afterwards;
- Any "outside air" controls on older window unit air conditioners should be turned off;
- Residents with gardens are advised to wash vegetables before consuming them;
- Accidental exposure is not expected to cause any health concerns in most people;
- No precautions are needed the day after the application as all residues will have evaporated;

Additional information, including a map of the affected spray area can be found on the City of Lowell website <https://www.lowellma.gov/295/Mosquito-Control> or on the CMMCP website at www.cmmcp.org